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FM WASHINGTON FIELD (COMM CINC)

TO DIRECTOR BOUTIN

PITTSBURGH BOUTIN

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RE: WASH.

RE: OUR SUBJECT, TELETYPE AGAINST "UNITED STATES"

CONGRESSMAN JOHN F. MINTUA, 10TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA;

CONSTITUTIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE; (OO: PITTSBURGH)

GW REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD DECEMBER 5,
1976.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF PITTSBURGH, REFERENCED TELETYPE

ADMITTED WASHINGTON FIELD OF THE FACTS IN THIS MATTER AS

PROVIDED TO THE BUREAU BY PITTSBURGH ON DECEMBER 7, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 7, 1976, AND DECEMBER 8, 1976, WASHINGTON FIELD CONTACTED [REDACTED] V-24 DE-38

FIELD CONTACTED [REDACTED]

ADMIRALITY ASSISTANT EX-105 REC-87

TO CONGRESSMAN MINTUA, ROOM 471, CANON OFFICE BUILDING,

WASHINGTON, D. C., TELEPHONE 202-225-2266. [REDACTED] UAC

"ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION NOT ALREADY CONTAINED IN"

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REFERRED TELETYPE. [REDACTED] REVIEWED CONGRESSMAN MURTHA'S
OFFICE ARCHIVES AND COULD NOT LOCATE ANY LETTERS OR OTHER
REFERENCES POSSIBLY RELATING TO CAPTIONED UNKNOWN SUBJECT.

ON DECEMBER 7, 1976, SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] UNITED
STATES SECRET SERVICE, INTELLIGENCE, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
DETECTIVE [REDACTED] UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE
DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION, AND DETECTIVE [REDACTED]
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, INTELLIGENCE, WERE CONTACTED
AND ADVISED OF DETAILS REGARDING CAPTIONED THREAT.

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WASHINGTON FIELD INDICTS NEGATIVE REGARDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AS ALL LOCAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY
WASHINGTON FIELD, THIS CASE IS BEING PUC'D.

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Via Teletype, the Attached
 Immediate Urgent Message
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Date 12/9/76

From: Director, FBI

To: SACs:

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

To: Legats:

To: RUEADWW/ The President The Vice President White House Situation Room
 Attn: Attn:

RUEBWJA/ Attorney General Deputy Attorney General
 Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit

RUEBWJA/ Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division

RUEBWJA/ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
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RUEBARE/ Naval Investigative Service

RUEBDUA/ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)

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(Use RUEVDFB if Unclassified)

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RUEHC/ ~~xxPEC52~~ Secretary of State

RUEBJGA/ Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard

RUEKJCS/ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

RUEBJGA/ Department of Transportation

RHEGGTN/ Energy Research and Development

Attn: Director of Security

Administration.

RUEOGBA/ Federal Aviation Administration

RUEATRS/ Department of Treasury

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Attn: U. S. Customs

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST UNITED STATES
CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. MURTHA, 12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA;
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE.

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Date 12/7/76

From: Director, FBI

To: SACs: WFO

To: Legats:

To: RUEADWW/ The President The Vice President White House Situation Room
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RUEBWJA/ Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST U. S. CONGRESSMAN
 JOHN P. MURTHA, 12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, CONGRESSIONAL
 ASSASSINATION STATUTE.

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WITH SIGN: DIRECTOR INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND OFFICE OF
CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS.

USING POSSIBLE SUSPECT AGAINST THE CONGRESSMAN JAMES.

MURKIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PENNSYLVANIA; COVERED SPECIAL

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CCR, PG.

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FBI PITTSBURGH ON DECEMBER 7, 1976 ADVISED:

AT 1:45 PM, DECEMBER 7, 1976, [REDACTED] REPORTER,

JOHNSTOWN, PA., "TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT," ADVISED A SPECIAL AGENT
OF THE FBI THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 PM, ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 6, 1976, SHE WAS RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN
INDIVIDUAL WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF BY NAME. HE
INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN HAVING DIFFICULTIES WITH A LOCAL
CAR DEALERSHIP AND THAT THIS DEALERSHIP HAD RECENTLY TAKEN
HIS CAR FOR NO REASON. HE ADVISED THIS DEALERSHIP ALSO HAS

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SECRET OF HIS MONEY. HE RELATED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED SEVERAL ATTORNEYS, HOWEVER, NO ONE HAD BEEN WILLING TO HELP HIM IN THIS MATTER. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT APPROXIMATELY HALF WAY THROUGH THIS CONVERSATION THE INDIVIDUAL RELATED TO HER THAT HE HAD A .12 GAUGE SHOTGUN AT HOME AND WAS GOING TO BEGIN TO SHOOT PEOPLE, NOT TO KILL THEM BUT MERELY TO MAIM THEM.

COLEMAN RELATED THAT THE NAMES ATTORNEY [REDACTED] ATTORNEY

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] A FORMER ALDERMAN IN JOHNSTOWN, PA., WERE MENTIONED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL. HE ALSO ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD SENT A THREATENING LETTER TO "THE CONGRESSMAN," BUT [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT SPECIFY CONGRESSMAN MURTHA AND TO THE BEST OF HER RECOLLECTION DID NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT THREATS AGAINST CONGRESSMAN MURTHA.

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SHE SAID SHE BELIEVED AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE AWARE OF SITUATION IN VIEW OF EVIDENCE BY UNSURE OF HAVING A SHOTGUN AND INTENDING TO MAIM UNSPECIFIED INDIVIDUALS.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE ADVISED ON DECEMBER 7, 1976, OF THE FOREGOING INFORMATION BY THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE, FBI:

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DETECTIVE [REDACTED] JOHNSTOWN, PA., POLICE
DEPARTMENT (PD); [REDACTED] WESTMONT BOROUGH, PA.,
PD; CORPORAL [REDACTED] PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE (PSP),
EBENSBURG, PA., CAMBRIA COUNTY; [REDACTED] U. S. SECRET
SERVICE, PITTSBURGH; [REDACTED] SECRETARY, OFFICE OF [REDACTED] b6
CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. KUPTHA, JOHNSTOWN, PA. b7C

[REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE
OF THE FBI ON DECEMBER 7, 1976, TO ADVISE SHE RECALLED THAT
THE UNSUB HAD STATED HE INTENDED TO GO TO PITTSBURGH, PA.,
THIS "COMING SATURDAY," POSSIBLY TO VISIT LEGAL AID IN
CONNECTION WITH HIS PROBLEM. SHE ALSO NOTED UNSUB STATED HE
WOULD CALL HER BACK FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO PITTSBURGH.

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INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED BY UNSUB, SHE HAD DETERMINED THAT ONE
[REDACTED] A RESIDENT OF JOHNSTOWN, PA., HAS HAD PROBLEMS
WITH AN AUTOMOTIVE TRANSMISSION COMPANY, DATING BACK FOR
SEVERAL YEARS, AND THAT [REDACTED] HAS COMPLAINED IN THE PAST OF
BEING UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY LEGAL REDRESS OR ASSISTANCE IN
CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER. [REDACTED] SAID THAT IN VIEW OF

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THIS, SHE FELT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY [REDACTED] MAY HAVE BEEN
THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE THE TELEPHONE CALL ON DECEMBER 6,
1976.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

~~REFUSED CLOUT TO PITTSBURGH DECEMBER 7, 1976.~~

~~PITTSBURGH FILES ARE NEGATIVE WITH RESPECT TO SUBJECT,~~

~~[REDACTED] PITTSBURGH WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTI-~~

~~GATION TO FURTHER IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND TO RESOLVE BELIEF BY~~

~~SEVERAL JOHNSTOWN RESIDENTS THAT [REDACTED] MAY HAVE MENTAL~~

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~~PROBLEMS. NO INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] WILL BE CONDUCTED BY~~

~~THIS INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED.~~

~~CONGRESSMAN MURTHA'S JOHNSTOWN, PA., OFFICE HAS BEEN~~

~~ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY THAT THREATENING LETTER FROM GUNNAR MAY~~

~~BE RECEIVED IN NEXT DAY OR TWO AND THAT IF THIS IS THE CASE,~~

~~THAT SUCH LETTER SHOULD BE CURRENTLY PROTECTED FOR FBI~~

~~LABORATORY EXAMINATION~~

~~LEAD FOR WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE ONLY.~~

~~WFO [REDACTED] IS REQUESTED TO ALERT CONGRESSMAN MURTHA'S WASHINGTON,~~

~~D. C., OFFICE TO POSSIBLE RECEIPT OF THIS THREATENING LETTER~~

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CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS.

ENSUE; POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST U. S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN P.
FUSTHA, 14TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA; CONGRESSIONAL
ASSASSINATION STATUTE. OO: PG.

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CAR DEALERSHIP AND THAT THIS DEALERSHIP HAD RECENTLY TAKEN
HIS CAR FOR NO REASON. HE ADVISED THIS DEALERSHIP ABEG TO 10 1976

WFO Supw. [REDACTED] instructed 12/7

To contact AA [REDACTED]
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PD; CORPORAL [REDACTED] PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE (PSP),
EEENSEBURG, PA., CAMERIA COUNTY; [REDACTED] U. S. SECRET
SERVICE, PITTSBURGH; [REDACTED] SECRETARY, OFFICE OF
CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. MURTHA, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

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PITTSBURGH FILES ARE NEGATIVE WITH RESPECT TO SUSPECT,

[REDACTED] PITTSBURGH WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO FURTHER IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND TO RESOLVE BELIEF BY SEVERAL JOHNSTOWN RESIDENTS THAT [REDACTED] MAY HAVE MENTAL PROBLEMS. NO INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] WILL BE CONDUCTED UNTIL THIS INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

CONGRESSMAN MURTHA'S JOHNSTOWN, PA., OFFICE HAS BEEN ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY THAT THREATENING LETTER FROM UNSUB MAY BE RECEIVED IN NEXT DAY OR TWO AND THAT IF THIS IS THE CASE, THAT SUCH LETTER SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED FOR FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATION

FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO ALERT CONGRESSMAN MURTHA'S WASHINGTON, D. C., OFFICE TO POSSIBLE RECEIPT OF THIS THREATENING LETTER LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE
PHILADELPHIA IMMEDIATE

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ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND OFFICE OF
CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS.

"CHANGED" [REDACTED] POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST U. S.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. MURTHA, 12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA;
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE. OO: PG.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO FBI TELETYPE DATED DECEMBER 7,
1976, AND CAPTIONED "UNSUB; POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST U. S.

EX-113
CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. MURTHA, 12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA; 89-3784-3X1
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE." REC-14 3794-4

FOR INFORMATION OF PHILADELPHIA, REFERENCED PITTSBURGH

TELETYPE MADE REFERENCE TO TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED ON

DECEMBER 6, 1976, BY [REDACTED]

REPORTER, JOHNSTOWN, PA.,

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FROM INDIVIDUAL WHO MADE REFERENCE TO A "THREATENING LETTER" HE HAD SENT TO CONGRESSMAN MURTHA AND DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION MENTIONED SHOOTING VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS WITH A .12 GAUGE SHOTGUN.

ON DECEMBER 9, 1976, [REDACTED] REPORTER, JOHNSTOWN, PA., "TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT" WHO WAS SOURCE OF INFORMATION IN REFERENCED TELETYPE ADVISED SA, FBI THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED ANOTHER TELEPHONE CALL ON DECEMBER 8, 1976, FROM AN INDIVIDUAL SHE IDENTIFIED AS BEING IDENTICAL TO THE CALLER ON DECEMBER 6, 1976. CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND FURNISHED JOHNSTOWN, PA., TELEPHONE NUMBER AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DURING COURSE OF THIS TELEPHONE CALL HE ADVISED [REDACTED] HE HAD DECIDED TO COMMIT SUICIDE NEXT WEEK IN THE OFFICE OF HIS PRESENT ATTORNEY; [REDACTED] JOHNSTOWN, PA. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD SENT LETTERS TO GOVERNOR MILTON SHAPP OF PENNSYLVANIA AND SENATOR RICHARD S. SCHWEIKER OF PENNSYLVANIA WITH A RAZOR BLADE ENCLOSED IN EACH LETTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATING TO THESE INDIVIDUALS HIS INTENTION OF COMMITTING SUICIDE. [REDACTED]

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ASKED [REDACTED] IF HE STILL INTENDED ON SHOOTING PEOPLE AND RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD IF HIS SUICIDE ATTEMPT FAILED.

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT CONGRESSMAN MURTHA DURING THIS CONVERSATION.

IT IS NOTED THAT PUBLIC SOURCE MATERIAL REFLECTS

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[REDACTED] RESIDES AT [REDACTED] JOHNSTOWN, PA. THE CAMBRIA COUNTY CREDIT BUREAU, JOHNSTOWN, PA., RECORDS REFLECT
^{2 APPROX} [REDACTED] IS 54 YEARS OF AGE, SINGLE, EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED] AS A MACHINE OPERATOR, SUCIAL
SECURITY ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED]

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE ADVISED ON DECEMBER 9, 1976, OF THE FOREGOING INFORMATION BY THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE:

[REDACTED] U. S. SECRET SERVICE, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED], JOHNSTOWN, PA., POLICE
DEPARTMENT. AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO ADVISE [REDACTED]
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, JOHNSTOWN, PA., HOWEVER, HE WAS OUT OF TOWN FOR THE DAY.

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IN VIEW OF [REDACTED] STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIS INTENDED USE OF A SHOTGUN AND HIS INTENTION TO COMMIT SUICIDE, HE

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SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS WITH SUICIDAL
TENDENCIES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REFERENCE PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED
DECEMBER 7, 1976, CAPTIONED "UNSUB; POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST
U. S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. MURTHA, 12TH DISTRICT OF
PENNSYLVANIA; CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE."

TITLE "CHANGED" TO REFLECT IDENTITY OF UNSUB BASED ON
SUBJECT'S ADMISSIONS TO REPORTER [REDACTED]

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS IS REQUESTED TO
ADVISE WASHINGTON, D. C. OFFICE OF SENATOR RICHARD S.
SCHWEIKER OF FOREGOING INFORMATION.

PHILADELPHIA AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA. WILL ADVISE
GOVERNOR MILTON SHAPP'S OFFICE, HARRISBURG, PA., OF FOREGOING
INFORMATION.

PITTSBURGH AT JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA (CAMBRIA COUNTY).
WILL NOTIFY ATTORNEY [REDACTED] OF FOREGOING INFORMATION.

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FBI

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Date 12/10/76

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From: Director, FBI

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To: SACs:

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To: Legats:

To: RUEADWW/ The President The Vice President White House Situation Room
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RUEBWJA/ Attorney General Deputy Attorney General
 Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit

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RUEBDUA/ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)

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(Use RUEVDRB if Unclassified)

RUEAIIA/ Director, CIA

RUEHSE/ U. S. Secret Service (PID)

RUEBJGA/ Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard

RUEHC/ Secretary of State

RUEKJCS/ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

RUEBJGA/ Department of Transportation
Attn: Director of Security

RHEGGTN/ Energy Research and Development
Administration

RUEATRS/ Department of Treasury
 Attn: U. S. Customs

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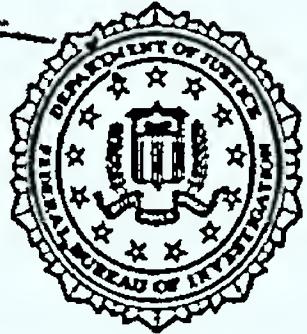
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No further investigation being conducted by Pittsburgh Division in this matter, however, it should be noted that [REDACTED] is currently considered subject in investigation reported in referenced Pittsburgh report captioned, "UNSUB; [REDACTED] - VICTIM, EXTORTION, OO: PITTSBURGH," and that matter is currently under prosecutive consideration by the U. S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Information copy provided to Philadelphia and Washington Field Divisions in view of investigative interests in this matter.

IN VIEW OF [REDACTED] STATEMENTS CONCERNING HIS INTENDED USE OF A SHOTGUN, HIS INTENTION TO COMMIT SUICIDE, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS, WITH SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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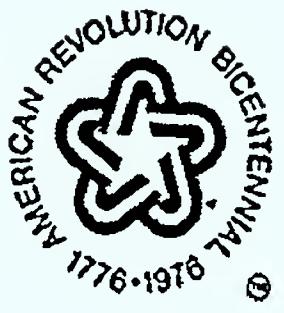
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Johnstown, Pa., "Tribune - Democrat", advised a Special
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Date of transcription 12/14/76

[redacted] Reporter, Johnstown, Pennsylvania,
 "Tribune-Democrat," telephonically advised SA [redacted]
 of the following information:

[redacted] indicated that at approximately 3:00 PM
 on Monday, December 6, 1976, she had received a telephone
 call from an individual who refused to identify himself
 by name. This individual indicated that he had been having
 difficulties with a local car dealership and that this dealer-
 ship had recently taken his car for no apparent reason.
 He advised this dealership also has \$800 of his money.
 The individual advised [redacted] that he had contacted several
 attorneys, however, no one had been willing to help him
 in this matter. [redacted] advised that approximately half
 way through this conversation, the individual related to
 her that he had a 12 gauge shotgun at home and was going
 to begin to shoot people, not to kill them, but merely to
 maim them. [redacted] related that the names Attorney [redacted]

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[redacted] Attorney [redacted], and [redacted] a former
 Alderman in Johnstown, Pa., were mentioned by this individual.
 He also advised [redacted] that he had sent a threatening letter
 to "The Congressman," but [redacted] indicated he did not specify
 Congressman JOHN P. MURTHA and to the best of her recollection,
 did not make any direct threats against Congressman MURTHA.

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[redacted] indicated that she recalled that he had
 stated that he had previously contacted the Legal Aid in
 Pittsburgh, Pa., and mentioned that he intended on going
 to Pittsburgh, Pa., "this coming Saturday" to see if he
 could get some relief for his problem. He advised [redacted]
 that he would call her back following his visit to Pittsburgh.

[redacted] stated that through the process of contacting
 individuals mentioned in this above described telephone
 conversation, she had determined that one [redacted]
 a resident of Johnstown, Pa., has had problems with an automotive
 transmission company, dating back for several years and
 that [redacted] has complained in the past of being unable to
 obtain any legal redress or assistance in connection with
 this matter. [redacted] related that in view of this, she

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felt there was a possibility [redacted] may have been the individual who made the telephone call on December 6, 1976.

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[redacted] advised that she had notified Captain [redacted] of the Johnstown, Pa., Police Department and also Congressman JOHN P. MURTHA's office about the above facts.

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The following individuals were advised on December 7, 1976, of the foregoing information by the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI:

Detective [REDACTED]
Johnstown, Pa., Police Department

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[REDACTED]
Westmont Borough, Pa., Police Department

Corporal [REDACTED]
Pennsylvania State Police
Ebensburg, Pa.
Cambria County

[REDACTED]
U. S. Secret Service
Pittsburgh, Pa.

[REDACTED]
Secretary
Office of Congressman John P. Murtha
Johnstown, Pa.

On December 7 and December 8, 1976, [REDACTED]
Administrative Assistant to Congressman Murtha, 431 Cannon
Office Building, Washington, D. C., was advised of the facts
of this matter by the Washington Field Office of the FBI.

[REDACTED] reviewed Congressman Murtha's office archives
and could not locate any letters or other references possibly
relating to the individual who had spoken on the telephone
with [REDACTED]

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On December 7, 1976, Special Agent [REDACTED]
United States Secret Service, Intelligence, Washington,
D. C.; Detective [REDACTED], United States Capitol Police

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Department, Investigations, and Detective [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, Intelligence, were contacted and advised of the details of this matter.

On December 9, 1976, [redacted] Reporter, Johnstown, Pa., "Tribune - Democrat", advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as follows:

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[redacted] Reporter, Johnstown, Pa., "Tribune - Democrat", was interviewed at her place of employment and furnished the following information:

[redacted] indicated that she had received a telephone call on December 8, 1976, from an individual she identified as being identical to an individual who had telephoned her on December 6, 1976.

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[redacted] indicated that the caller identified himself as [redacted] and furnished his Johnstown, Pa., telephone number as [redacted]

[redacted] advised that during the course of this conversation [redacted] complained about some of the bad deals that he had gotten from local car dealerships and during the course of the telephone call, advised [redacted] that he had decided to commit suicide next week in the office of his present Attorney, [redacted] Johnstown, Pa. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] was quite explicit about this, indicating that he planned on going into [redacted] office, slashing his wrists with a razor blade and then bleeding all over the office and then smearing the blood on Attorney [redacted]. [redacted] indicated that she then asked [redacted] if he still planned on shooting people and he indicated that he would if he survived his suicide attempt.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] indicated to her that he had sent letters to Governor MILTON SHAPP of Pennsylvania and Senator RICHARD S. SCHWEIKER of Pennsylvania with a razor blade enclosed in each letter for the purpose of demonstrating to these individuals his intention of committing suicide.

[redacted] indicated that [redacted] did not mention anything about Congressman JOHN P. MURTHA, 12th Congressional District of Pennsylvania during this conversation.

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Johnstown, Pa.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] indicated to her that the car dealership that he was having problems with was the Ford dealership [redacted] in Windber, Pa. [redacted] indicated to [redacted] that WALLEY Ford had confiscated his car without reason and advised that he was having a difficult time getting an Attorney to properly handle the case.

[redacted] indicated that [redacted] also mentioned Attorney [redacted] relating that [redacted] had attempted to steal some property from him.

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[redacted] indicated that [redacted] did mention Attorney [redacted] however, she could not remember what was said about him.

[redacted] indicated that this telephone conversation with [redacted] was taped.

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[redacted] It is noted that public source material reflects [redacted] resides at [redacted] Johnstown, Pa. The Cambria County Credit Bureau, Inc., Johnstown, Pa., records reflect [redacted] is 54 years of age, single, employed by [redacted] as a Machine Operator, and has Social Security Account Number [redacted]

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The following individuals were advised on December 9, 1976, of the foregoing information by the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI:

[redacted]
United States Secret Service
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Captain [redacted]
Johnstown, Pa.,
Police Department

On December 10, 1976, Attorney [redacted] Johnstown, Pa., was advised.

It should be noted that in July, 1976, [redacted] Attorney-At-Law, Windber, Pa., received through the United States Mail, one "jiffy" utility bag. The bag contained a birthday card containing a printed birthday greeting, after which there was pasted newspaper print reading, "If you live that long". The bag also contained one expended 12 gauge shotgun shell. This matter was discussed with United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa., and is currently under investigation by the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI.

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In view of the fact that [redacted] had mentioned possessing a 12 gauge and had made a threat against [redacted] to [redacted] Reporter, Johnstown, Pa., "Tribune - Democrat", b6 b7C the facts of this matter were presented to Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] Western District of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa., who authorized the filing on December 10, 1976, by Special Agent [redacted] of an affidavit for a search warrant. On December 10, 1976, William L. Glosser, United States Magistrate, Western District of Pennsylvania, Johnstown, Pa., issued a search warrant for the premises of [redacted] Johnstown, Pa.

On December 10, 1976, a search warrant was served on [redacted] the residence of [redacted]. However, no shotgun, other weapon or evidence relating to this matter was located.

[redacted] was not at home at the time the warrant was served, however, subsequent to the service of the search warrant, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Johnstown Office of the FBI and advised he wished to talk with a Special Agent of the FBI.

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On December 10, 1976, [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] Johnstown, Pa., was contacted at his residence and advised of the identities of Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] and [redacted] by display of credentials. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] the purpose of the contact was to interview him with regard to telephone calls he had made to [redacted] Johnstown, Pa. "Tribune - Democrat", in which various threats were made by [redacted]. SA [redacted] advised [redacted] of certain rights as reflected on the "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form which he read, indicated he understood, however, declined to sign. [redacted] indicated he was willing to talk with the interviewing Agents and would answer any questions. [redacted] was interviewed and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he had called [redacted] Reporter, Johnstown, Pa., "Tribune - Democrat" on December 6, and December 8, 1976. He advised that he had called her to complain about problems he had been having with Whalley Ford in Windber, Pa., and that he had contacted several Attorneys, none of whom had given him satisfactory representation.

[redacted] indicated he had told [redacted] he was going to take a 12 gauge shotgun and "blow some people away" relating he had said this only for the purpose of "getting a hornets nest stirred-up". He also admitted he had told her he was going to commit suicide in order to "get a hornets nest stirred-up". [redacted] denied, however, that he had any intention of killing or harming anyone, including himself.

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[redacted] advised he does not own or have possession of a shotgun or any other type of weapon.

[redacted] advised that he had never mentioned anything about Congressman JOHN P. MURTHA of Johnstown, Pa., during either telephone conversation. He advised that he had told [redacted] during the first telephone conversation that he had sent a letter to U. S. Senator SCHWEIKER of Pennsylvania telling Senator SCHWEIKER of his, [redacted] problems, but,

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] dictated 12/14/76
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indicated this letter was definitely not threatening in nature.

[redacted] also advised that he had sent a letter to Governor MILTON SHAPP of Pennsylvania and Senator SCHWEIKER of Pennsylvania with a razor blade enclosed in each letter just to "get their attention".

SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] advised [redacted] that he should immediately cease and desist his past activities of making threats against other individuals and should continue to attempt to solve his problems through normal legal channels.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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Name	[redacted]
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Address	[redacted] Johnstown, Pa.
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Social Security	[redacted]
Account #	[redacted]
Height	6'
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Dark brown and curly
Eyes	Brown
Facial Hair	Long sideburns and mustache
Miscellaneous	Wears gold wire rimmed glasses
Marital Status	Single

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To: SAC, Pittsburgh
From: Director, FBI

1 - Mr. [redacted]
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[redacted] Enclosed for Pittsburgh (PG) is the original of letter (and its envelope) sent by subject to Senator Richard S. Schweiker, which was turned over to FBIHQ by the Senator's Office.

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If no Federal prosecution is to be undertaken, PG consider turning letter and envelope over to local authorities for possible criminal or civil action.

Use caution in opening letter as it contains rusty razor blade taped to last page.

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NOTE: Letter and envelope received from Senator Schweiker's Office by Bureau Supervisor [redacted] Legal Counsel Division.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Director
General Investigative Division

DATE: 12/8/76

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: UNSUB; THREAT TO KILL CONGRESSMAN
JOHN P. MURTHA (PA.) A.C.
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE

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PURPOSE:

To record information received from Congressman Murtha's office concerning threat on Congressman's life.

DETAILS:

DA [REDACTED] Administrative Assistant to Congressman Murtha, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] of the Legal Counsel Division on 12/7/76 that he had received a phone call from [REDACTED] a reporter for the "Johnstown Tribune Democrat." [REDACTED] related that she had received an anonymous phone call from a male indicating that he was planning to kill Congressman Murtha. [REDACTED] indicated that the caller was upset as a result of a dispute concerning the purchase of an automobile. [REDACTED] did not have all of the information in the possession of [REDACTED] concerning this matter and asked if the FBI would contact her. He was advised we would do so. He also stated that staff members of the Congressman's office were going to review constituent requests to see if they could identify potential suspects in this matter and would promptly advise the FBI of same.

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ASAC, Pittsburgh, Jesse R. Hagy, was apprised of the afore-going information advised he would immediately have an Agent contact [REDACTED] and would advise the Secret Service and other appropriate authorities of the threat. 23 DEC 13 1976

SA [REDACTED], of the General Investigative Division was also advised.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. Mintz
2 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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Date 2/4/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (89-115) (C)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] *encl. 8*

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of a self-explanatory LHM dated and captioned as above.

It is noted that Pittsburgh has disseminated a copy of enclosed LHM to U. S. Secret Service, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and U. S. Attorney, Pittsburgh, Pa.

In view of the fact that Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA), Western District of Pennsylvania (WDPA), Pittsburgh, Pa., has declined Federal prosecution in this matter, no further investigation is being conducted by Pittsburgh.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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furnished the following information:

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12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Senator Richard S. Schweiker received a handwritten letter signed by [REDACTED] through the U. S. Mail in an envelope postmarked Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and dated November 22, 1976. Senator Schweiker's office turned this letter over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters in Washington, D. C. This letter contained a razor blade. This letter was subsequently provided to the Pittsburgh Division of the FBI.

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Captain [REDACTED] Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Regimental Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pa., stated that his organization presently has a case pending involving [REDACTED] wherein a letter was sent by [REDACTED] to Governor Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania.

On January 7, 1977, the facts of this matter were discussed with AUSA [REDACTED], Western District of Pennsylvania (WDPA), Pittsburgh, Pa. AUSA [REDACTED] advised that he would render a prosecutive opinion in this matter after reading the letter which [REDACTED] had sent to Senator Schweiker's office.

On January 26, 1977, after reading the letter sent by [REDACTED] to Senator Schweiker's office, Washington, D.C., AUSA [REDACTED] declined Federal prosecution in this matter indicating that the letter did not meet the standards of the Federal Extortion Statute, in that it contained no specific threats against Senator Schweiker or anyone else.

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On February 2, 1977, Captain [REDACTED] Johnstown, Pa., PD, was advised of the facts in this matter and shown the letter which had been received by Senator Schweiker's office. Captain [REDACTED] advised that his agency had no interest in obtaining this letter for the purpose of pursuing any local prosecution against [REDACTED]

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